

January 13, 2020

The Board of Ellis County Commissioners met in regular session at 5:00 p.m., Monday, January 13, 2020, in the Commission Chambers, at the Administration Center, 718 Main Street, Hays, Kansas.

Chair Dean F. Haselhorst called the meeting to order.

Commissioners present: Chair Dean F. Haselhorst, Commissioner Robert "Butch" Schlyer and Commissioner Dustin G. Roths.

Also present were Interim County Administrator Darin Myers, and County Clerk Donna J. Maskus.

The meeting opened with everyone standing and saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

No changes were noted to the order of business.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Chair Haselhorst asked for any updates to the draft minutes of the special meeting on December 27, 2019, and regular meeting on January 6, 2020. With no updates given, Chair Haselhorst stated that the December 27, 2019, and January 6, 2020, draft minutes are approved as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Roths Second: Schlyer

To approve the Consent Agenda items A-G as presented, including the following.

Payment Voucher Claims

Payment Voucher Claims on wire transfers, dated January 13, 2020, at \$72,600.

Disposition: The motion was carried by a voice vote of three to zero.

ISSUES FROM PERSONS NOT ON THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

No issues from persons not on the order of business.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

No questions were asked on the December 2019 Financial report.

REORGANIZATION APPOINTMENTS OF ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSION

The 2020 Reorganization was conducted by the Board of Ellis County Commissioners with the following action.

Chair Haselhorst stated that he has appreciated in serving as Chair of the Commission.

Haselhorst stated that he has served 5 years as Chair of the Commission during his two terms as Commissioner.

Appointment of Chair on the Board of County Commissioners.

Motion: Haselhorst Second: Roths

To appoint Butch "Robert" Schlyer as Chair of the Board of County Commissioners for 2020.

Disposition: Motion was carried by a voice vote of three to zero.

Appointment of Vice-Chair on the Board of County Commissioners.

Motion: Haselhorst Second: Schlyer

To appoint Dustin Roths as Vice-Chair of the Board of County Commissioners for 2020.

Disposition: Motion was carried by a voice vote of three to zero.

Monday, Jul. 13, 2020, 5:00 p.m. , following Public Building Commission
Monday, Jul. 20, 2020, 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 3, 2020, 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 10, 2020, 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 17, 2020, 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2020, 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 14, 2020, 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 21, 2020, 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 5, 2020, 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 12, 2020, 5:00 p.m., following Public Building Commission
Monday, Oct. 19, 2020, 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 2, 2020, 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 9, 2020, 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 16, 2020, 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 7, 2020, 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 14, 2020, 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 21, 2020, 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 4, 2021, 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 11, 2021, 5:00 p.m., following Public Building Commission

Board of Directors of the Ellis County Kansas Public Building Commission: Robert “Butch” Schlyer, Dustin G. Roths and Dean F. Haselhorst.

Appointed Department Heads:

Interim County Administrator: Darin Myers
Appraiser: Lisa Ree
Emergency Management Director: Darin Myers
Emergency Medical Services Director: Jason Kennedy
Fire District #1 Director: Darin Myers
Health Administrator: Jason Kennedy
Information Technology Director: Mike Leiker
Public Works Director: Bill Ring

Appointment of Non-Commissioner County Representatives:

ADA Officer: Darin Myers
Affirmative Action Officer: Darin Myers
Central Kansas Library Board: Becky Rogowski
Ellis County Historical Society Board: Tom Drees
EMS Medical Consultant: Dr. Jerod M. Grove
Flood Plain Administrator: Mason Ruder
High Plains Mental Health Board (alternate voting member): Tom Drees
Northwest Kansas Community Corrections Board: Vacant
Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission: Darin Myers
Public Health Medical Consultant: Dr. Tonya Knoll
Solomon Valley E-Waste Coalition: Vern Ruder (primary), and Meagan Stremel (secondary)
Zoning Administrator: Mason Ruder

Ellis County Fair Board:

President: Jill Pfannenstiel
Vice President: Justin Scheck
Treasurer: Julie Miller
Secretary: Norleen Knoll
Members: Shawn Braun, Karlee Brunner, Edna Hanson, Spencer Herrman, Joe Miller, Brennan Pfannenstiel, Jerry Sonntag, Tessa Scheck, Chris Springer, Michele Springer, Steve Unrein.

Fire District #1 Company Chiefs:

Company 2: Justin Scheck, Chief; Will Montgomery, Asst. Chief; Ed Meis, Captain
Company 4: Tom Tholen, Chief; Cole Dreiling, Assistant Chief; Chris Brungardt, John Weber, and Scott Wellbrock, Captains
Company 5: Rusty Lindsay, Chief; Adam Napell, Assistant Chief; Mark Fisher, Chris Muench and, John Vaughn, Captains; Charles Albers, Trevor Stipe and Matt Lyon, Lieutenants
Company 6: Steve Seefeld, Chief; Brandon Pfeifer, Assistant Chief; Shaun Burd and Chris Cline, Captains
Company 8: Cole Dinges, Chief; Matt Grabbe, Asst. Chief; Kyle Zimmerman, Captain
Company 9: Rustin Weese, Chief; Eric McQuade, Assistant Chief

Local Emergency Planning Council:

Local Official: Ed Harbin, Sheriff

Law Enforcement: Don Scheibler, Hays Police

Firefighting: Shane Preston, Hays Fire Department

Emergency Management: Darin Myers, County Fire & Emergency Management

Toby Prine, Kansas Department of Emergency Management

Health: Danielle Windholz, First Care Clinic

Amy Schuckman, Angel Care Home Health

Hospital: Shawn Hoss, Hays Medical Center

Lance Smith, Hays Medical Center

Communications/Media:

Becky Kiser, Eagle Communications

John Begler, Amateur Radio Club

Transportation:

Kevin Zimmer, KDOT

Jesse Rohr, Hays Public Works

Wade Kruse, ACCESS Transportation

Local Environmental Group: Mason Ruder, Ellis County Environmental Office

Community Group:

Pete Peterson and Deb Tucker, Red Cross

Darcy Kiser, Ellis County CERT

Facility Operator:

Rusty Lindsay, USD 489

Jeff Crispin, City of Hays Water Resources

Debra Staab, Epworth Towers

Shawn Braun, Buckeye Wind Energy

Don Johnson, EnerSys

Mark Fisher, Cross Manufacturing

Doug Dreiling, Midland Marketing

Bob Muirhead, Midwest Energy

Ellis County Emergency Medical Services: Jason Kennedy, Director and Health Administrator

Information Coordinator: Lyle Pantle, County Fire & Emergency Management

Ellis County Council on Aging Board: Oren Windholz, Chair, Roy Hustead, Ilona Patterson, Mary Sauer, Jolene Niernberger

CARE Council (County Representatives): John Braun, Gary Brinker, Brenda Hutchinson, Lisa Kever

Disposition: Motion was carried by a voice vote of three to zero.

This completed the 2020 Reorganization process. The Northwest Kansas Community Corrections Board Member appointment will be made at a later meeting.

BUCKEYE WIND FARM DONATION - DARIN MYERS, FIRE & EM DIRECTOR

Fire and Emergency Management Director Darin Myers thanked Shawn Braun with the Buckeye Wind Farm for the donation to reimburse the costs of the protective gear for firefighters. Buckeye Wind Farm has been very supportive of the Ellis County Fire Department. A public safety responders training scenario with the County and other personnel was conducted with the Buckeye Wind Farm.

Shawn Braun with the Buckeye Wind Project thanked the County and then presented a check for \$1,000 to the Commissioners. Braun stated that it has been a good working relationship and hopefully they will never have to put their training to use.

INFORMATIONAL TECHNOLOGY (IT) INTERN POSITION - MIKE LEIKER, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR

Mike Leiker, Informational Technology Director, appreciated the Fort Hays State University (FHSU) and Hansen Foundation support with their program providing an intern for 240 hours to the Ellis County IT Department last Fall Semester. This individual has been a valuable addition to their department, and he would like to hire this person for the Spring Semester. The cost would be approximately \$5,000, which he can cover. This intern could work until the end of May 2020.

Commissioners gave their approval to go forward in hiring this IT intern position.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (KDOT) FORM 1302 SIGNATURE - BILL RING, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Interim County Administrator Darin Myers presented a project programming request from the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) on the project to rebuild 230th and Feedlot Road. Public Works Director Bill Ring stated that the Northwest Business Corridor Project will have several documents to sign through the process.

Motion: Haselhorst Second: Roths

Moved to sign form 1302 for the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) to get a project number for the Northwest Business Corridor Project.

Disposition: Motion carried by a voice vote of three to zero.

HEALTH INSURANCE - DARIN MYERS, INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Interim County Administrator Myers discussed the County's employee health insurance. The County has been on the state employee health plan since 2011. The County has experienced some rising costs with a decrease in health insurance cost for the County due to an increased employee percentage share in 2020. He asked since the plan ends in 2020, if the Wage and Benefit Committee can review the cost and plan, work with a health benefit consultant, and look at health insurance options for the County.

Commissioners gave approval to go forward in looking at options for employee health insurance.

PURPLE WAVE AUCTION - DARIN MYERS, INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Interim County Administrator Myers presented the list of County items to sell through the Purple Wave Auction. The auction will start January 25th and the final bidding day is February 25, 2020. This will have no cost to the County.

It was decided to not place the three dump trucks on the Purple Wave Auction but through the trade-in bid with Doonan Trucking and Equipment.

COMMISSION ATTENDANCE AT EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETINGS - DARIN MYERS, INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Interim County Administrator Myers discussed the invitation for one Commissioner attending an Executive Team Meeting every month.

Commissioners were in favor of one Commissioner attending an Executive Team Meeting per month.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DARIN MYERS

Interim County Administrator Darin Myers asked if any Commissioner would like to attend the upcoming Hays Chamber of Commerce Banquet and to let him know, then tickets will be purchased. Roths stated that he has already purchased a ticket to attend.

Myers is working on a schedule for the Countywide Sales Tax Election presentations.

COUNTY COMMISSION REPORTS

Haselhorst reported that he will be attending the Kansas Government Day and the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) Open House in Topeka. He also has a KAC Board Meeting.

Roths will also be attending the Kansas Government Day and the KAC Open House in Topeka.

Schlyer had no report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Schlyer stated that the meeting will adjourn at 5:36 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 20, 2020, Administrative Center, Commission Chambers, 718 Main Street, Hays, Kansas,

BOARD OF ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ROBERT "BUTCH" SCHLYER, CHAIR

DUSTIN G. ROTHS, COMMISSIONER

DEAN F. HASELHORST, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

DONNA J. MASKUS
ELLIS COUNTY CLERK